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St. John Mission Statement:

St. John Lutheran School exists to provide a Christ-centered education focusing on spiritual, emotional, academic, social and physical growth. We assist parents in preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation. Above all, we proclaim "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

From Principal Linse:

The Christmas program was AWESOME, thank you to all the staff and students who worked so hard to make it a success.

Thank you to the Magargle/Oesterreich family for the treats on Dec. 19th

Thank you to Deborah Kropp for the donation of school supplies and a basket for the Mother-Son Event.

A permission slip came home this week for our day at the YMCA on January 26th. Please return your permission slip with money by Tuesday.

Please remember there will be no bus service on Monday, January 19th, this is our last Parent Transport Day for school year. The public school and All Saints do not have school this day. If you will have a problem getting your child to school this day, please reach out to the school office, 920-361-0555 or school@stjohnberlin.org

All students in grades 1-8 will be completing with other Lutheran Schools across the country in the Accelerated Reading (AR) Challenge which will start on January 26th. Each week we will report our scores. Students earn points by reading books and taking AR tests on them. The Preschool and Kindergarten students will be participating in the Wisconsin Timber Rattler's reading program to earn a ticket for a baseball game more details will be coming on that.

Seraphim Choir and Handbell Reminder

We sing and play handbells Sunday, January 25, to kick off Lutheran Schools' Week. This is NOT the third Sunday, like usual. We will also sing and play for Grandparents Day, January 28.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 11-9am

Cherub Choir sings during church service

10:30 PTL meeting

Jan 13 -

All Boys' & Girls' teams basketball at Manawa

Jan 15 -

A & B boys basketball at home

Jan 16 -

End of the 2nd quarter

Jan 19 -

Parent Transport Day

5:00pm-B-girls home game

Jan 20 -

B-boys game at Trinity, Menasha

A-boys & B-girls home game

Jan 21 -

Report cards come home

Jan 22 -

4:30pm- B-boys at home

5:30pm-A-boys at home

Lutheran School's Week
January 26-29th

Monday: Twin Day
YMCA

Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day
Bowling

Wednesday: Jersey Day
Grandparents Day
Olympics

Thursday: Nerd Day
Olympics

Friday: No School
Mother Son Night

School News

CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to the Berlin Food Pantry. This week \$26.00 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$155.78 for the quarter.

CHERUB CHOIR

The Cherub Choir (Grades PS-2nd) will sing in church THIS Sunday, Jan. 11th. The worship service starts at 9:00am.

BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

Since this was the first week back from break, all 4 teams only had practice this week.

Next week Tuesday all 4 teams travel to St. Paul, Manawa. Then on Thursday the A and B boys have home games. The cheerleaders will cheer for the 5:30 game on Thursday the 15th.

PARENT TRANSPORT DAY

There is a Parent Transport Day coming up on Monday, January 19. There will NOT be any buses offered for the students on this day. Please plan to get your child(ren) to and from school this day, if it will be a problem for you, please contact the school.

PTL NEWS

Next PTL meeting—Very Important !! Sunday, Jan. 11th after the church service at 10:30am at the school. Items to discuss:

- Lutheran Schools Week (Jan 26-30)
- Soup cook-off (Sun. Jan 25)
- Mother-Son Event (Jan 30)
- Father-Daughter Dance (Feb 21)

MOTHER-SON EVENT

Our Mother-Son Event is coming up on January 30th. See more information on Page 7, this is a community event, all are welcome.

SOUP COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER

Join us January 25 at 10:30 AM in the St. John School Gymnasium to sample a variety of homemade soups and vote for your favorite! Admission is \$10 for adults (18+), \$5 for kids, and free for ages 5 and under. We hope you can join us for a fun afternoon filled with delicious soups and fellowship.

We are also looking for help to support the event. Donations of bread sides and/or desserts are greatly appreciated. **We are also seeking 10-15 students in Grade 5 or older to help serve soup during the event.** If your family is able to help, please contact Paige Schrader at (763) 670-2897. Thank you for your support!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will NOT be Sunday School on Sunday, January 25th because of the soup cook-off

TRIVIA NIGHT—SAVE THE DATE

The St. John PTL is hosting a trivia night Saturday evening on March 14th at (time TBD) to raise funds for the school. Please join us in the school gymnasium for this fun event. More details to come soon!

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

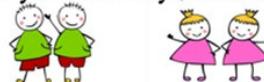
Lutheran Schools Week is fast approaching! It is the week of January 25th. There will be dress up days and fun activities. The dress up days are listed on this page and the activities on page 1. More information about Grandparents Day will be coming. Also, don't forget to return your YMCA permission slips with money by next week, TUESDAY. Chaperones are also required to pay.

Lutheran School's Week January 26-29th

Dress Up Days

brought to you by Student Council

Monday: Twin Day (Match with a friend)



Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day



Wednesday: Jersey Day



Thursday: Nerd Day



From the Teachers

3K/4K

Miss Linse

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Kindergarten

Mrs. Webb

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1st/2nd Grade

Mrs. Fritsch

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Happy New Year! We were very excited to come back to school after two weeks away. We spent time this week reviewing our numbers, shapes, and colors in math. We are also working on “today is...; so yesterday was...” during calendar time along with our new AAB pattern. Ask us what we are using for our AAB pattern.

In language we are spending time adding and subtracting suffixes to words, like color plus “ing” makes? and snowing minus “ing” makes? We still spend time practicing beginning sounds and identifying capital and lowercase letters inside words.

We have begun practicing for our class play “The Mitten” based on the book by Jan Brett. We are excited to perform this for our grandparents on Grandparents’ Day, January 28th, during Lutheran School Week.

This week, during Jesus’ time, we went back to some of the Old Testament stories that we paused to focus on Christmas. We were reminded that there is only 1 true God and that He loves us and takes care of us.

We continue to practice our handwriting. I have included some handwriting practice for the capital and lowercase “O” if you would like to work on that at home. Also, your child brought home their “J” door page today. This is not required but can be fun.

Welcome back, and happy New Year! During Jesus time, we talked about Elijah and the widow, discovering how God provides and cares for us even when things feel hard. We talked about how trust, kindness, and how sharing what we have can bless others.

We jumped right back into our Superkids lessons and ended the week with our 9th Superkids friends - Tic, Tac, and Toc. We can’t wait to meet our next superkid friend on Monday!

We have finished 67 math lessons to date and have begun to learn to count groups of ten. In science, we continue to talk about weather and learned about weather calendars and made our own to predict what we think the upcoming weather will be for the week.

Our snack prayer this month is to the tune of “This Old Man”. It goes “Jesus, come, be our guest. Let these gifts to us be blest. For the things you give us every day. A song of thanks we now will say. Amen.”

There were permission slips for our field trip to the YMCA on January 26th. Please let me know if you did not receive it so I can send home another one. Keep an eye out for the dress up days we will be having to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week January 26-29. Have a great weekend!

Happy Epiphany! We heard about the Wise Men visiting Jesus! They were gentiles like us, and Jesus wants all people to know that He is the Savior of the World! We also heard how God told Simeon and Anna that Jesus was the Messiah, who came to save His people from their sins.

In math, we did some reviewing after our long break! We remembered to always put the big number on top when stacking numbers to add or subtract. We started reading a thermometer, finding congruent (same shape, same size) shapes, counting money, writing fractions, and finding angles. We have been busy!

In Superkids, 2nd Grade is practicing pronouns: she, her, he, his, I, my, you, your, we, our, they, and their. Practice these at home! 1st Grade is working on adding “ing” and “ed” to the ends of words. They have also been doing activities that go along with our stories. In Science and Art we heard the story of Snowflake Bentley. We learned about the six sides of real snowflakes. If a snowflake has 5 or 8 sides, it is a snow fake!

We learned how to fold a coffee filter to make a six-sided snowflake. They all turned out fabulous! We also created name snow boys or snow girls.

Have a splendid weekend in Jesus! ~ Mrs. Fritsch

From the Teachers

3rd Grade

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4th Grade

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5th/6th Grade

Mrs. Pick

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7th/8th Grade

Mr. Pett

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Happy Epiphany! This week we spent time learning about baby Jesus and His early years: the visit from the Wise Men and Jesus and His parents having to flee to Egypt. Next week we will learn about Jesus' baptism.

After having a month of many activities and projects and two weeks off of school, we spent the week getting back into our normal routine. The third graders began writing their version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Each student was assigned a day and came up with their gift. We will be presenting our song at Grandparents' Day.

We will also be participating in the National AR reading challenge which will begin at the end of the month. More information will be sent home.

Thank you Mrs. Evans for subbing for me on Thursday & Friday.

God's blessings!

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a blessed holiday break. It's hard to believe our first week back is already over!

Our first big project for January are posters, showing natural disasters. The students had to do research and design a poster for the natural disaster they wanted to learn more about.

We started long division with remainders this week in Math. We also talked about prime and composite numbers! Please keep practicing the multiplication facts at home with your child! I want them to learn to factor each number so they don't have to rely on the chart for answers!

For Lutheran Schools' Week, our class will be performing a play about the 10 plagues on Egypt. The AR Challenge also starts during Lutheran Schools' Week.

We've been practicing how to spell some irregular plural nouns. Remembering to change the "y" to "i" or an "f" to a "v" and adding es, it is a hard skill!

We will be on Week 13 next week for Spelling.

Please return the green YMCA permission slip as soon as possible so we can get the buses lined up.

Have a blessed weekend.

Welcome back from break! We are right back into our normal routine after we returned since we have the end of the second quarter next week Friday. Students will be having a vocabulary test next Friday too.

We finished another section in math and had a math test this week. Those will be sent home next week to be corrected and signed. We started our next unit in grammar working on verbs, and have done some writing about our break. We picked out biography books from the library on Tuesday because each student will be doing a biography in a bag report to present during Lutheran Schools Week at the end of the month. During that week, we also go to the YMCA. A permission slip for that field trip went home on Monday, so please make sure to send that back to school with the money as soon as possible. Have a great weekend!

It is good to be back from break. I hope you all had a great break and wonderful moments with your family and friends celebrating the birth of Our Savior. Christ is the reason for the season. This week we concluded *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens in Literature class. We will have a concluding project for it soon. We will be reading *Bud, Not Buddy* next.

In Science, we are continuing our study of Alaska and Dogsled Racing. We had an experiment that was meant to simulate the effect of light on different materials to help understand climate differences.

In History, we had a test on the writing of the Constitution and what the intent of the Framers was. We will be doing an amendment study and then Chapter Six which will discuss the early challenges of our country after the writing of the Constitution.

In Language Arts, we are studying the different verb types and tenses in both classes. In Math, we are talking about sequencing and percent of a whole, as well as more algebraic and geometric functions. In Religion, Pastor is finishing the Apostles' Creed and will start the Lord's Prayer soon. In Art, we are working on shading and have other projects on the horizon.

Have a great weekend. Happy New Year and God's blessings on your week.

Serving in the Kingdom,
Mr. Pett

Lunch Menu and Fun

Monday, Jan. 12

Sloppy Joes on wgr bun, tator tots, carrots-vegs, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Tacos, lettuce-cheese-salsa, carrots-vegs, chilled pears, dessert, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Chicken strips, French fries, wgr bread, carrots-vegs, chilled peaches, milk

Thursday, Jan. 15

Cheese omelets, ham-sausage links, pancakes-French toast sticks, broccoli, asst. breads, mixed fruit, OJ, milk

Friday, Jan. 16

Breaded chicken patty on wgr bun, cheese slices, mac & cheese, carrots-vegs, applesauce, milk



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January Word Search

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New Year's resolution ideas for preschoolers



- I will try hard to **clean up** my toys by putting them where they belong.
- I will let my parents help me **brush my teeth** twice a day.
- I will **wash my hands** after going to the bathroom and before eating.
- I will try new foods when I can, especially all different colors of **vegetables**.
- I will learn how to help clear the table when I am done eating.
- I will be friendly to all animals. I will learn how to ask the owners if I can **pet** their animal first.
- I will always hold a grown-up's hand whenever I **cross the street**.
- I will do my best to **be nice to other kids** who need a friend or look sad or lonely.
- I will **talk with** my parent or another adult I trust when I need help or am scared.

New Year's resolution ideas for kids (5 to 12 years old)

- I will **drink water** every day and healthy beverages like milk with meals. I will keep soda and fruit drinks only for special times.
- I will wear my **seat belt** every time I get in a car. I'll sit in the back seat and use a booster seat until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.
- I will try to find a physical **activity** (like playing tag, jumping rope, dancing or riding my bike) or a **sport** I like and do it at least three times a week!
- I will take care of my skin by putting on **sunscreen** and wearing a hat and sunglasses when possible.
- I will always wear a **helmet** when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard.
- I'll try to be **friendly** to kids who may have a hard time making friends by talking with them and inviting them to join activities.
- I will tell an adult about **bullying** that I see or hear about to do what I can to help keep school safe for everyone.
- I will keep my personal info safe and not share my name, home address, school name or telephone number online. Also, I'll never **send a picture** of myself to someone I chat with on the computer or phone without asking my parent if it is okay.
- I will try to talk with my parent or a trusted adult when I have a problem or feel **stressed**.
- I promise that I'll do my best to follow our **household rules** for videogames and internet use.
- I will try to save time to **read** for fun.



You are WANTED at our
Mother Son
Rhinstone Cowboy
Night

St. John Lutheran School gym
Friday, January 31, 2026 5-7pm
\$20 per Mother - Sons are FREE

Wear you Western attire, Slip on
your Boots, and come Join us for
a night of Fun!

Music & Dancing
Games & Activities
Food & Drinks

